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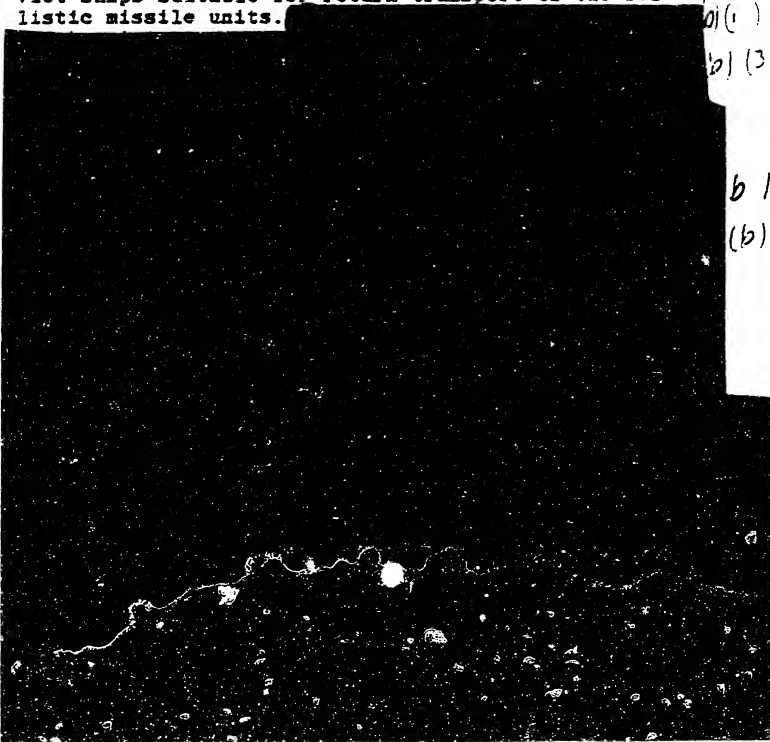
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1. If Moscow has given the order to dismantle and remove Soviet offensive weapons systems from Cuba, the time necessary for final implementation of such an order will be governed by the availability of Soviet ships suitable for return transport of the ballistic missile units.



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5. The ballistic missile units in Cuba are road-transportable and designed for rapid, efficient movement from one location to another. For example, under alert conditions an MRBM unit is capable of dismantling, packing up, and moving from its siting area within a few hours from the time such an order is given. However, under the circumstances in Cuba we would expect that after an order to dismantle were given, several days would be taken to dismantle the sites, carefully pack and prepare for shipment the missiles and all of the unit support and related equipment, and to carry out such operations as securing the area.

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